

- Riley is a Yorkshire Terrier
- Born 10/22/2004, she is almost 5 yrs. old.
- Purchased from Joe Gerst (Knapp Creek Acres) on 1/15/2005 for \$582.75 (price was discounted by approx. \$100 because of her coloring)
- Costs incurred for Veterinary care / Prescription Foods – approx. \$3610.18
- Illnesses she has been treated for
 - Giardia –
 - She was repeatedly treated for Giardia (a parasite) from the time we brought her home until she was approximately 8 months old.
 - This prevented her from getting spayed at 6 months and she went through a heat cycle before we could get the Giardia completely cleared up in order for the spay surgery to be performed safely.
 - Severe bacterial infections
 - Required IV, meds, prescription food, ongoing meds
 - Bladder infections
 - Vaginal infections
 - Incontinence
 - Requires meds for the rest of her life.
 - And the most noticeable....Color Delusion Alopecia –
 - Diagnosed 4/2009 from Dr. Gary Van Engelenburg at Iowa Veterinary Acupuncture clinic in Des Moines.
 - It's a genetic, hereditary and congenital disease.
 - It includes dermatitis on her back and severe hair loss – balding.
 - She has sun damage (brown spots) on her back.
 - Some of the things we do to cope with this disease
 - Wears several sweaters when going outside in the winter
 - I put spray suntan lotion on her back in the summer to prevent sunburn (but it makes her hair very greasy)
 - Wears a puppy tank top or t-shirt in the summer to keep the sun off of her back.
 - Special shampoo from the vet and anti-bacterial ointments to treat the dermatitis.
- Positive things
 - She is 100% Yorkie.
 - She is protective, loving, independent, and has the biggest personality of any dog that I have ever had.
 - She is good with people and other dogs.
 - She is smart (and very photogenic).
 - She is my furry child, I love her and I can't imagine my life without her.

Riley



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